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ANS selects INL researcher as Congressional Fellow for 2007

The American Nuclear Society selected David Barber, an engineer and physicist at Idaho National Laboratory, as the Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Science and Engineering Fellow for the year 2007. Barber will spend the year in Washington, D.C., as a staff science adviser to a committee of the United States Senate.

Barber received a bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Oklahoma (Phi Beta Kappa), a master of science degree in radioecology from Colorado State University and another master's in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho.

Barber's career has included staff positions at three U.S. national laboratories and in private consulting working on a great variety of nuclear topics. Barber's primary interests include international fuel cycle issues and climate science. He was invited to speak about climate science at this summer's World Nuclear University in Stockholm, Sweden. Barber has been at INL for 12 years and is currently in the Pyroprocessing Technology Department.

A member of the ANS for 13 years, Barber is particularly eager to be in Washington in 2007.

"It's a year in which the next major climate assessment report will be published and a year in which new U.S. reactor starts will be announced; taken together, a year that is sure to provide opportunity in Washington to discuss nuclear energy's many environmental benefits as the only baseload-capable energy source that does not emit greenhouse gases," said Barber.

Barber will move to Washington, D.C., in January of 2007 with his wife, Lori, and their two sons, Dylan and Jackson.

"We love Idaho, but we are also looking forward to the adventure of living briefly in Washington D.C. I intend to absorb and learn as much as I can about Washington politics and bring improved skills and insights back to the lab in 2008. I intend to see our laboratory reclaim the preeminence of national service that characterized it in the days of the National Reactor Testing Station. This year in Washington is about improving my ability to contribute," Barber said.

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